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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
5 AT SEATTLE

6 LONNIE RAY CARTER,

7 Plaintiff(s),

8 v.

9 THOMAS C. PAYNTER, et al.,

10 Defendant(s).  
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NO. C09-505MJP

MINUTE ORDER

13 The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable Marsha J.  
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15 This minute order is intended to address several issues currently pending in the above-entitled  
16 matter:

- 17 1. Plaintiff's Motion to Seal Court Records (Dkt. No. 10): Plaintiff makes reference, at Page 1 of  
18 his pleading entitled "Plaintiff's Motion to Seal Court Records," to an "attached document"  
19 entitled "PLAINTIFF'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO SEAL COURT  
20 RECORDS." There is no document attached to Plaintiff's motion to be found in the court  
21 records, and the Court will not rule upon Plaintiff's motion until "Plaintiff's Memorandum" is  
22 filed. Plaintiff shall provide the Court and opposing counsel a copy of his supporting  
23 memorandum by no later than **July 10, 2009** or the Court will dismiss the motion without  
24 prejudice to re-file it at a later date.

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2. Plaintiff Complys [sic] With This Court's Minute Order and Other Matters Status Request

(Dkt. No. 15). Plaintiff filed this document on June 23 and in it raises a number of issues:

- a. Despite having been granted *in forma pauperis* status by previous order of the Court (see Dkt. No. 12, entered June 17, 2009), Plaintiff again submits an IFP application. The Court will ignore this as moot.
- b. Plaintiff requests an order from the Court "directing, permitting and allowing plaintiff to proceed under the above aforementioned said 'Pro-Se Status,'" claiming that the jail officials at the Regional Justice Center (where he is currently incarcerated) will not allow him to "proceed" without one. Dkt. No. 15, p. 3. The Court is unaware of any requirement for such an order, but notes for the record that Plaintiff is representing himself pro se in this litigation (as is his right) and trusts that the officials at the RJC will permit him to prosecute his lawsuit to the full extent consistent with inmate and custodian safety.
- c. Plaintiff notes that he needs to amend his complaint (Id.), although it is unclear whether he wishes to join additional parties or add new claims. Regardless, Plaintiff must make a separate, formal motion to amend his complaint, stating his reasons for doing so and the legal authority which supports his request.

The Clerk will provide copies of this order to Plaintiff by mail and electronically to counsel for any of the parties who have appeared to date.

Filed this 25th day of June, 2009.

BRUCE RIFKIN, Clerk

By /s Mary Duett  
Deputy Clerk